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Ms. Marie Feehan
On behalf of Irish Water



25 November 2022

Reg. No. D0423-02

Re: Appropriate Assessment in respect of a licence review from Irish Water in respect of the agglomeration named Whitegate-Aghada

Dear Sir or Madam,

I refer to your application for a licence review in respect of the agglomeration named Whitegate-Aghada .

I am to advise you in accordance with Regulation 42(8)(a) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, that the EPA has made a determination that an Appropriate Assessment is required as the project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is likely to have a significant effect on a European site. Notification of this determination is attached for your reference. The EPA acknowledges receipt of a Natura Impact Statement, submitted on 7/12/2021.

In carrying out an Appropriate Assessment the EPA shall take into account each of the matters specified in Regulation 42(12) of the European Communities (Birds and Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, where applicable.

The EPA shall publish a Notice for Public Consultation on Appropriate Assessment under Regulation 42 of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended.

Submissions or observations on a licence application can be made to the Agency in relation to Appropriate Assessment as set out in the notice for public consultation.

The application and all associated correspondence including the notice for public consultation are available to view on the EPA website at www.epa.ie. You are advised to refer to the website for information on the progress of the application.

If you have any further queries, please contact licensing@epa.ie.

Yours faithfully,

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Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination

In accordance with Regulation 42(1) of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 as amended, the Agency has undertaken Appropriate Assessment screening to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activities, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on European Sites. In this context, particular attention was paid to the European Sites listed below.

Consent Details:

Reg. No.	D0423-02
Applicant Name:	Irish Water
Type of Consent Sought:	Review of a wastewater discharge licence
Location of agglomeration:	Whitegate, Co. Cork
Review Licence Application Date:	7 December 2021
European Sites assessed:	Cork Harbour SPA (Site Code: 004030)
	Ballycotton Bay SPA (Site Code 004022)
	Great Island SAC (Site Code 001058)
Date of AA Screening Determination:	25/11/2022

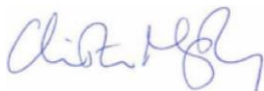
AA Screening Determination:

That the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of any European site and that it cannot be excluded, on the basis of objective information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on any European site and accordingly determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is required, and for this reason determined to require the applicant to submit a Natura Impact Statement.

The determination is based on the potential for impacts from the activity on the water dependent qualifying habitat and species of the Cork Harbour SPA. The proposed discharges are directly into the European Site and are hydrologically connected with the qualifying interests of the Site.

Information in relation to European Sites is available on www.npws.ie

Documents relating to the review licence application are available on the Agency's website at www.epa.ie



Date: 25/11/2022

Inspector Name

Office of Environmental Sustainability